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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY OF LABOR GOING TO MOSCOW

1. LABOR SECRETARY BLAS OPLE INFORMED LABATT MAY 13 HE PLANS 2-DAY VISIT TO MOSCOW STARTING ON OR ABOUT MAY 28, FOLLOWING WHICH HE WILL BE ATTENDING ANNUAL ILO MEETING IN GENEVA. OCCASION FOR USSR VISIT IS FORMATION SOVIET COUNTERPART TO PHILIPPINES-USSR FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION (OF WHICH OPLE IS CHAIRMAN). SOVIET ASSOCIATION TO BE HEADED BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR PUBLICITY (OPLE WAS VAGUE ABOUT EXACT TITLE)/P AND WOULD INCLUDE A NUMBER OF PROMINENT LITERARY FIGURES AND SCIENTISTS, INCLUDING GEORGE LEVINSSON, INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL CULTURE. OPLE SAID HE WOULD HEAD DELEGATION INCLUDING UNIVERSITY OF PHILIPPINES PRESIDENT SALVADOR P. LOPEZ AND AMBASSADOR J.V. CRUZ (FORMERLY AMBASSADOR IN BONN, AND UNTIL RECENTLY HANDLING PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES).

2. COMMENT: OPLE HAS BEEN A RELUCTANT AND INACTIVE CHAIRMAN OF LOCAL ASSOCIATION. HE TOLD EMBASSY GOP HAD BEEN UNWILLING NAME ANOTHER CHAIRMAN, SO HE HAD REMAINED SADDLED WITH POSITION. CURRENT SPRUCING UP OF FILIPINO-SOVIET CULTURAL RELATIONS VERY LIKELY PART OF CONTINUING PROCESS OF SOFTENING UP PHIL PUBLIC OPINION FOR EVENTUAL

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